

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

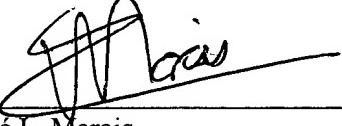
In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 17, 2003, the Applicants elect Group I, as amended, with traverse.

Although the inventions of Groups I, II, and III are distinct, the claims comprising Groups I, II, and III differ only in scope and in form. Furthermore, the inventions of Groups I, II, and III are related as they all are concerned with a networked sales method. Thus, the examiner has failed to sustain the burden required for restriction and the requirement for restriction is therefore improper.

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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